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FUTURE CHARGE FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS

Bible Thought for Today

January 16.

SAFETY WHILE ASLEEP. I will both lay me down to sleep and sleep for show, look only make of the world in a state.—Psalm 127.

SHELL CREEK NOW, SPAINVIA, ETC.

The definition of a shell creek is a creek that has no

shell creek water. It was a painful task, not to

say a bit of something to have to come with no

water difficulty and in a way that is all, and

leave that placed off the map. But it is

down and the misery is over. That hope comes

But what The World really started out to say is

that the letter of Charles Page to the non-

partisan water commission recommending the

hope of selling shell creek water to Tulsa, marks

the end of a far and the passing of a moment

the full gravity of which comparatively few

Tulsa citizens realized at the time.

The contents of the Page letter shows the

wisdom of the water board in its every action

with reference to the shell creek negotiations, and

it is characteristic of the shell creek advocate

that it, in the face of this fact, takes a parting

shot of venom at four men who served the true

interests of the city as few others in its entire

history have.

The World hopes for the shell creek

proposition, now that Tulsa no longer stands in danger,

the best of luck. But this is averse: If the

amount of water repaid to have been contracted

is drawn from shell creek daily, crickets will

be rooting on its dry bed within a fortnight,

providing there is not an ample fall of rain in the

interim.

Talk of supplying Tulsa any water, in case

of a repetition of its last summer visitation of

misfortune, is perfectly asinine, providing that

the daily contractual demands made on the

reservoir totals as much as has been stated.

The turn the matter has finally taken, accept-

ing the figures set forth by those who proposed

Shell creek for Tulsa, proves beyond a question

of doubt that every thing urged against the

acceptance of that proposition was true. If a

private consumer has been found who is willing

to pay 10 cents per thousand gallons for a

maximum of 7,000,000 gallons daily, then the

water promoter is to be congratulated. The

World joys with him and confesses its amazement

at the magnanimity of the aforesaid

consumer. The thing is a proven profitable suc-

cess. And because of this The World is again

very glad. We do not like to hear of any Tulsa

or near Tulsa undertaking failing.

And we sincerely say as much regarding the

plans to make Sand Springs a rival of Tulsa in

an industrial way. Now that the incident is

closed, The World doesn't mind taking the public

into its confidence. It never did want industrial

enterprises, factories and things, located at Third

and Main nor adjoining the Tulsa postoffice.

Sand Springs has always seemed to The World

to be the ideal industrial suburb of the greater

Tulsa we have always had in mind. We are for

Sand Springs strong!

So the assertion that by refusing shell creek

water we have signed the doom of Tulsa and

made the success of Sand Springs sure, fails to

move us to that condition we were evidently ex-

pected to register.

Let Colonel Reeves bring on the factories for

Sand Springs—trainloads of them; the more the

better. First page, top-column position is none

too good a position in The World for every story

of such achievement. It will suit us all the bet-

ter if the colonel succeeds in bringing them

much faster to Sand Springs than he did in

bringing them to Tulsa. He was naturally handi-

capped while he served Tulsa because Tulsa

located itself too close to Sand Springs.

But, as we said, the slogan is down. The Page

letter at last was an acceptable ladder for that

purpose. Congratulations all around.

FELL FOR GOVERNOR

The Arizona Statesman, republican in its political

preferences, wants H. B. Fell, state com-

mander of the American Legion nominated for

governor on the republican ticket. After pre-

sented the name of its candidate the Statesman

adds: "Every executive man in the state needs

no further introduction."

Here is note of what there is already vastly

too much of the disposition to take charge of

the public service by special-interest or class

organizations; the willingness to appeal directly to

a class because of its voting strength and in do-

ing so to ignore the deeper and the more serious

interests of the people and the commonwealth.

Fell, we have no doubt, is a very good young

man. That is his reputation. But aside from

the fact that he happens to be at the head of

an organization which is very anxious to dem-

onstrate its power socially and politically what is

his recommendation for political preferment,

especially for an office calling for experience,

unusual poise and the greatest executive ability?

In what particular has he distinguished himself

as either a party man or a statesman?

The laborites would take charge of the political

activities of the state; so would the farmer

organizations, so would the legion. There are

others seeking to exert the controlling influence

on our political activities. Feminists would have

a candidate. And each and all are impelled by

reasons very distinctly apart from the only

proper reason to wit: The relation of the citizen

to the state and his fellow citizens regardless of

the attitude of artificial classification.

The just state, and of course any just state

government, must be incapable of being influ-

enced by or even knowing a citizen in any ca-

pacity save his or her capacity as a citizen.

Neither the privileges nor the obligations of the

citizen change or in any sense differ by reason

of the citizen's vocation or avocations.

Therefore any political movement seeking to

capitalize a vocation or avocation is detrimental

to the public good and distinctly out of accord

with the true purposes of political activity.

AN UNUSUAL POLITICAL CONTEST

The announcement of Milton C. Garber of

Tulsa as candidate for the republican con-

stitutional nomination in the Eighth Okla-

homa brings to notice a very unusual political

contest. In addition to Judge Garber, Wil-

liam England of Ponca City and Charles B. W.

dell of Woodward are seeking the nomination

for the office now held by Manuel Herrick, the

postoffice character from Perry.

There are three men of the very highest order

seeking the same place in the public service. Or-

dinarily the voters of a congressional district are

fortunate if they succeed in attracting for con-

gressional honors even one man of acceptable

ability. These men of the Eighth who seek

political preferment are each entitled to the

honor by any known standards which may be

applied. They are considerably above the mean

congressional standard.

England comes from the extreme eastern

part of the district, Garber from the central

part and Wendell from the extreme western

part. While Wendell has the advantage of

area, each of the other gentlemen appears to

have the advantage in population. To an out-

sider it would appear that the voters of the

Eighth have an exceedingly difficult task in

reaching a decision between the gentlemen.

This is a campaign year and information is

wanted about many things. Every man who is

a candidate should stand and deliver. Judge

Garber is a candidate. Recently we notice and

hear considerable about Owen's connection

with the notorious Xenophon Jones who re-

ceived a pardon at the hands of Governor

Robertson. Now what is the story? Let some of

those who know it tell it. Jones is a negro who

murdered an individual in Muskogee county in

cold blood and who for some unknown reason

was made the object of unusual gubernatorial

concern. That is all the public knows. If there

is more, out with it.

Some way or other the mere fact that Pen-

rose kept a fortune safely hidden in a safety

deposit vault instead of patronizing the facili-

ties of modern banking throws an illuminating

light upon the man's character. It is impos-

sible to escape the conclusion which the story

carries with it. Banking facilities are public—

to a very great extent. But the safety deposit

box holds its secrets well. What could possi-

bly be any man's reason for hiding an im-

mense fortune in ready cash in a safety deposit

box?

Alexander Howat has called off his strike,

claiming a complete victory over Governor

Allen and his industrial court law. But Alex

is still in jail. His claim of victory should give

hope to any man who finds himself flat on his

back with his adversary sitting on his chest

and cramming dirt in his mouth. As long as both

eyes are in place he can claim victory. Won-

der what that bird's idea of defeat is anyway.

There is this difference between the failure

of the Columbia Bank & Trust Co. of Okla-

homa City a few years ago and the Bank of

Commerce which failed at Okmulgee a few

weeks ago: The Bank of Commerce was an

Okmulgee institution.

Hazarding a hurried guess in passing we

should say the elders of the Grand Rapids

church who became poisoned through drinking

furniture polish for sacramental wine must

have hit the cup a bit heavy.

While the purity squad is functioning it

might be a good idea to post a guard at every

light window. Those boys are liable to break out

at any moment.

Chickens still come home to roost, the trouble

growing out of the change in the variety of

chickens.

The administration is becoming more popular

in Oklahoma. The postoffice plume are begin-

ning to fall.

Just Folks

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HORSE AND CUTTER DAYS

Winters are not what they used to be in the

city of haste and rush.

The snow is white for a little while, then

turns to an ugly slush.

And the rapid wheels of the motor cars

grind all of its beauty down.

But I long for the horse and cutter days we

knew in the little town.

Then the world stayed white for a month or

two and the snow drifts higher grew

and cheeks were pink with the glow of

health and the joys we youngsters knew.

Then slush bells added a merry hit to the

cold and crisp air.

And youth and maid in an open sleigh were

always a happy pair.

We hitched a ride to the runners strong and

the snow flew from our feet.

But it's dangerous now to hitch a ride on

the dark and the joy is gone.

And the raucous honk of the motor horn has

banished the sleigh bells song.

For winter days are cheerless now and win-

ter nights are long.

Perhaps it's well that our customs change

and good that we travel on.

But blent with the smiles of our newer joys

are the memories of our good old times.

And I sometimes long for the drifted snow

and the white and frogy ways.

With the cheeks of pink and the laughter

gay of our horse and cutter days.

Oklahoma Outbursts

By GUY LINTON

The Tulsa News says hardly anything handi-

capped a vampire more than to travel with her

three children.

Have you ever noticed how differently a

water looks when he takes off his apron and

puts on his hat?

There is just this other reason why the water

jug should be abolished—because not even

an expert can tell how much of the contents re-

main after the first draught has been drawn.

An indignant taxpayer asks the Muskogee

Times Democrat if the governor's proposition to

submit to vote whether school districts may levy

an additional 15-mill levy, is in keeping with the

fundamental principles of our form of govern-

ment. The fundamental form of government

have been violated so often in Oklahoma that

we feel permitted to suggest to the indignant

taxpayer that the governor does not have to look

for or long for a precedent.

The one-horse motor of this column has never

made a precedent or a near precedent, or a gov-

ernor, either, for that matter, but just the same

he is willing to bet something just enough

to make it interesting as a little betting and

players say that outside of one man who

says he will not run for fear of being elected,

Charles J. Pringle, congressman from the Fourth

district, can pull more votes for governor of

Oklahoma than any other man can raise.

Reasons withheld so as to influence the odds.

Federal Judge Williams figures that it takes

60 cents a minute to run the federal court in

this district when the court should not be more

than 30 cents and as an illustration points out

that in a motor theft case tried the other day

Bill Crump, attorney for the defendants, ex-

pected to cost 400 times as much as the trial

cost, or 4,000 times in the two days of the trial

causing an expense of 400 cents a minute actual

spending time. It is understood that Judge Wil-

liams takes out time, which cannot be charged

as the federal court is not supposed to be a

make a few extemporaneous remarks.